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NCVC NEWS

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NATIONAL CAPITAL VELO CLUB ANNUAL BANQUET

This years ANNUAL BANQUET has been slated for November 18th, at the River Road Unitarian Church, 6301 River Road, Bethesda, Maryland, at 7:30 P.M. Chef Larry Black has once again gathered together a crack team of culinary greats, who will prepare a feast sure to please the most demanding eaters. As if that was not enough, movies, awards, and a guest speaker will fill the evening with continous merriment.

The price of admission for this years gala event will be $6.00 for all reservations received before December 16, and $6.50 at the gate. Please make all checks payable to NCVC and mail them to:

Paul Lenz
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We look forward to your presence. For further information call Mike Butler at 588-4571.

AWARDS NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The Executive Committee of NCVC has once again called for nominations for honors and awards for 1978. These awards will be presented to the deserving individuals at the NCVC Banquet, December 16

In announcing this year's opening of nominations, The Big Wheelie reminded all who would listen, that it is not necessary to have a conventional award in mind as unusual laurels will be considered.

Some of the more traditional awards to given will include:

--outstanding rider
--most improved rider
--best new rider

Several nominations have already been made, so do not delay. No worthy nominees will be overlooked

RAMBLING with the BIG WHEELIE

October already? This is the month when everyone starts talking about what they are going to do over the winter to be better next year; except the newcomers who are in daze as to what's to be done now that IBM is over. Take heart, this year you can race in Rock Creek through October and even race as late as November 12th in the Turkey Race; no reflection on those who will probably be racing in the snow.

More importantly you should be thinking about the Club's Annual Business Meeting to be held on Monday, November 6th, 8:00 P.M., at the the National Park Headquarters, Haines Point, Washington, D.C. Those who attend will be electing the officers who will be running your club in 1979.

September had to be one of the most exciting cycling months for me. It started with a chance to talk to Eddy Merckx (see Proud Mary's article) and witnessing the most electrifying track competition I have ever seen. This years International Madison Championships at Trexlertown is definitely what bicycle racing is all about. Don't miss it next year.

The next day at Raritan was a bit of a bummer for Alan Rashid and Elmer Streeter. Without telling anyone about it, Joe Saling and company changed the order of competition that was on the program, causing the above mentioned to be out warming up while the rest of the field was out racing. Pete Swan on the other hand, who showed up five minutes before the race, made the starting grid and had a good race. Some days it just doesn't pay. Laurie Wigell took 3rd in the Womens Class, followed by Mary Pelz who took a hard fought 7th. Reno "Mr Magic On Wheels" Rashid was the sole entry to the main event and rode a strong race, and showed the fans how to move up along the curb where there doesn't appear to be space to do so. (For you fans, and there are many, who were wondering as to the whereabouts of young Reno these days, he was in a sprint against a Fiat and took a nasty fall. Word has it he is healing quickly. Lucky for the world he did not damage his cranium which means that he can still flex his head and drive anything that moves wild)

The following day at Harrisburg same story. Some YO-YO (the promoter no less) gave quite a few people the wrong starting times. Laurie Wigell undaunted did her "Wonder Woman" costume changing routine and got to the line in time to start. Mary Pelz and Bob Lipovsky got there just in time to see their respective races conclude. Fortunately for NCVC, Jerry "Super-Vet" Nuggent was there to save the day taking 1st and then 2nd in his race. (Don't ask me I'm as confused as you are) In the final event NCVC took charge from the beginning. With Reno and Larry Black giving team support, Mike "The Horse" Petty powered to an outstanding win.

Then on to the Tour de Rockford where NCVC really showed its colors. First on the agenda Super-Vet Jerry dispatched a group of Johnny-Come-Lately 35 year olds with his classic up hill sprint, leaving many scratching their collective heads as to how the old fellow keeps kicking their butt year after year. Then Fred Sheffied rode a fine race in the Junior Class, independently bridging a 30 second gap to catch the break and an eventual 5th place. (What was even more remarkable was that he was riding and old $89 Gitane- put that in your Colnago and smoke it) Next up "Motoring Mary" Pelzx finished a strong and exciting 2nd after taking an earlier prime by about 12 bike-lenghs. Laurie Wigell followed closely with 5th place. Ed Cottrell followed Mary's lead with a convincing win in Cat. IV. Looks like we've got another Fast Eddy to talk about. Al Rashid, after receiving a magic fingers rub down, rode to his best finsh this year taking 4th in the Cat. III event.

In the final event, which had all the biggies scrambling to borrow Bell helmets from peasants in Cat IV, (You ought to take a gander at Rick Barnett with an ill fitting Bell Helmet--he looks like one of the Japanese guards on the Bataan death march), NCVC's newest team member Jim "The Montgomery Railroad" took 2nd a wheel behind the "Rocket" Ronnie Henson. Rick Barnett showed his strengh by taking the first prime, with Ned Carey netting the remaining fields primes and an eventual 5th place.

On to Wildwood, N.J. and the finale to an exciting month--the Boardwalk Races. Everybody who is anybody made it to this replacement for the Atlantic City Boardwalks and the competition was sizzling. In the Womens Class, Motoring Mary hung onto what appeared to be a painful pace for everyone except Connie Carpenter and Miji Reoch, for 31 miles and then sprinted to a fabulous 7th place. Watch for NCVC woman next year. That night Jim Montgomery powered to a 10th place finish in the straight ahead "drag races," with Laurie Wigell giving a fine account of herself in the Women's sprints taking 5th place. Sunday brought the main event and what has to be one of the most grueling paces to be seen in many a moon. NCVC's men once again rose to the occasion with Ian Jackson, Paul Pearson, and Eddie Slaughter making repeated attacks at the front for the lucrative prime money offered on nearly every lap. Eventual winner Wayne Stetina (who netted $3300-not bad for an amateur) dazzled the crowd with one of the smoothest bike changes on record. "The Montgomery Railroad" who unexplicably rode the race in the Yo-Yo position at the back, nonetheless powered to an amazing 16th place overall. (For all you old timers- Jim will be a Vet next year) The Hard Luck Prize For The Year was won by Fast Eddy Slaughter who, after bridging the gap to the break (thereby ensuring himself of at least a 10th place finish), turned the corner for the final sprint down the walk-----one street early------thus becoming the only rider to get lost on a four corner criterium this year. Mother said there'd be days like this.

I would like to thank Pete and Sally Swan and all the others who helped to make IBM another tremendous success for the Club's training program. Speaking of which, try to stay in touch over the off-season (is there an off-season?) by exchanging training tips and encouragement, and we will set up another winter clinic so that we can come out smoking next spring.

Please realize the importance of you vote at the November meeting; the future of your club depends on it. And by the way if you're not doing anything on Sunday mornings in October, why not come out and try your hand at being an official in the Rock Creek series.

Until next time----------CHEERS

The Butler Did It!

MONTGOMERY COUNTY TRACK NEWS

We now have about 2800 signatures on our petitions. (800 came from the recent Capital Center Sports Show, 900 from a certain bike shop in Bethesda, and the rest from miscellaneous sources) We still have only a handfull of people involved in this project despite the fact that now is the time for our most concentrated effort.

CONTACT ALAN RASHID IMMEDIATELY TO SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP. 229-0346

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ONE RODE OVER THE CUKOO's NEST

A crisp, near freezing, air greeted the small group of riders who line up for registration on this clear Sunday morning. Conversations are lively with war stories of former years assaults, the previous days road race, and John Allis's legendary out-of-the-saddle ride as each rider accepts his number and hastily retreats to the parking lot. Looming in the distance, the Great Rock silently awaits the challengers.

An annual ritual for about 50-60 bike masochists, the Mt. Washington Hill Climb provides a formidable obstacle for man and machine. Rising 4700 feet over 8 miles of mostly dirt road, the peak is a weather phenomenon boasting the highest recorded winds in North America-- 231 miles per hour. Although wind conditions were neglible on this day, gusts of over 90 mph had been clocked just 24 hours before.

Looking like latter day Don Quixotes off to tilt the windmill, quartets of riders charge from the line every minute; spinning furiously in gears low enough to be embarrassing. This enthusiasm is short lived as the sudden transition to a 12 percent grade quickly brings the first time riders into their 35-40 inch gears and the realization that this will not be an enjoyable experience. Like some sort of diabolical torture process, the combination of steep grade and dirt road surface keeps the rider seated,and thus in continous agony, in order to maintain traction.

After what seems to be an eternity in bicycle purgatory, one reaches the halfway point and the end of the treeline. Persistant severe weather conditions have reduced the flora to low scrub pines and certain other plants only known to grow in Antartica. With the unfolding vista comes the visual shock of the endless climbs remaining. As far as the the eye eye can see riders, like tiny ants, are inching their way up the mountain. Questions of sanity can be read on many of the riders faces at this point.

Spurred onward by the sight of the summit, the now exhausted rider encounters what at first sounds like a pagan tribal chant from supporters and fellow cyclists at the top. Gaining new found strength from this encouragement, rider after rider makes the all out effort necessary to scale the super steep "wall" immediately preceding the finish line.

Wrapped in blankets, bowlegged riders wander about in reverie; congratulating each other over cups of hot chocolate and talking about next years climb. The only person missing is Nurse Ratched.

ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL BIKE RACE

The 6th Annual Metropolitan High School Bicycle Races will be Sunday, October 29th at the IBM course behind Walter Johnson High School, starting at noon.

Sponsored by the Montgomery County Recreation Department, NCVC, and Georgetown Cycle Sport, the race will be open to any Junior or Senior High School Student. Each entrant must have a safe bike, a helmet, and a parental consent note.

Members of NCVC will conduct free inspections and make minor adjustments for all participants where necessary. NCVC members are requested to come early for road guard duty, inspections, and officiating functions.

Prizes will be awarded as well as handsome plagues. Free posters are available for distribution from the Montgomery County Recreation Department or Georgetown Cycle Sport.

PLEASE HELP US ENCOURAGE THESE FUTURE CHAMPIONS.

COVER GIRL

Guess who's flashing a toothy grin on the cover of the latest issue of Bicycling Magazine? None other than NCVC's Laurie Wigell. The only thing missing is the jersey; she obviously has the rest.

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Caravan

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1978 IBM ----History

IBM once again proved to be an able training ground for NCVC's hungry hoard, filling the gaps between open racing weekends. This years final event saw the start of what the Pete the Promoter hopes to be a series of Mad Money sprint nights at the hallowed circuit.

August Results

A-Class	B-Class	C-Class	D-Class
1 J. Deaton	E. Cottrell	L. Tabbacchi	M. Mermal
2 J. Montgomery	T. Craven	A. Brown	M. Shaw
3 R. Barnett	F. Sheffield	P. Stevens, Jr.	M. Raleigh
4 C. Merman	D. Beers	#174 *	S. Solano*
5 R. Barnett	A. Hirschman	T. Fennell*	D. Meany*
6 N. Carey	P. DeMent		

September Results

A-Class	B&C-Class	D-Class	Midget
1 P. Pearson	F. Sheffield	S. Salono	#181 *
2 J. Deaton	T. Mobley	V. Clark	B. Clark*
3 E. Slaughter	A. Brown *	Rick ?	
4 J. Saunders	A. Hirschman *	W. Davis	
5 I. Jackson	#138	C. Clark	
6 Rick Barnett	L. Tabbacchi		

(* indicates ties based on monthly totals)

NOTE ALL PRIZES MUST BE PICKED UP AT GEORGETOWN BY NOVEMBER 5th

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A DAY TO REMEMBER

It was hard to believe, but there we were, looking at the greatest cyclist of all times. Dressed in a yellow jersey and cycling shorts, exposing long hairy legs, he lounged around on the lawn in front of the Trexlertown Velodrome. People crowded around asking for his autograph, shaking his hand, and standing next to him while a friend snapped his picture. The sight of Eddy Merckx was something to remember. What gave away his greatness was not his fit body or spotless attire, but his complete, unselfconscious composure- that of a person who has succeeded.

About 400 people showed up to take a short tour with the Champion through the nearby Pennsylvania countryside. Merckx took off followed by groups of about 30 who left intermittantly at the direction of the ride co-ordinators. There were riders of all shapes and sizes including many of the top U.S. racers. An example of the excitement was the conversation between tandem partners Sue Novara and Miji Reoch who boasted to each other that "He" had talked to them.

Merckx rode among the riders around the mile long circuit for about 45 minutes before returning to the track for another session of signing autographs and shaking hands. All this was done without batting an eye or cracking a smile. Occasionally some lucky person who spoke French exchanged a few words with him.

That afternoon we were treated to showing of the "The Yellow Jersey," an incredible film about Eddy Merckx and bicycle racing in Europe. There was one memorable scene of a couple hundred riders joking around at the beginning of a long stage race; a rider reading a newspaper, one grabbing a kiss from a spectator, others chasing after a beer truck and stuffing some bottles into their back pockets, a rider picking up a traffic cone- slipping it onto his head and topping it with his cycling cap.

Although the narration was in French, little was lost on the attentative viewers. No words were needed to describe the pain felt by the sobbing rider who was too exhausted to continue, the danger of riders flying over cobblestones in the pouring rain, or the triumph of Merckx's consumnate performances. The humbling effect of the movie could be seen on the faces of Jocelyn Lovell and other greats in the audience. The film also left one with the feeling that to be involved in bicycle racing (at any level) was to involved in a supreme endeavor.

If seeing Eddy Merckx in person and on film was not enough excitement for one day, the International Madison Chamnpionships held at the Velodrome that night would have illicited a response from the most placid of individuals. Track racing is a thrilling spectator sport, requiring great bike handling skill and blazing speed on the part of the riders. It is a "flashier" spectacle than road racing and is very conducive to high lighting individual rider skills. With the help of some able announcing by former U.S. cycling great Dave Chauner, the fans quickly learned the nicknames and styles of the riders and began cheering for their favorites.

The field of riders assembled at Trexlertown that night was one of the most impressive this country has ever seen. Holland's Rene Pijen and Patrick Sercu, Merckx's longtime track partner, rode to a decisive victory over other professional and amateur riders. Merckx, who had retired from competition earlier this year, moved about the infield during the race; periodically cheering for his old friend. Others in the field included NCVC's own Paul Pearson and Ed Slaughter who displayed their European experience early-on by lapping the field. Local favorites Ian Jackson and Tom Prehn teamed up to show their versatility as skilled cyclists on the track as well as on the road.

The Womens Omnium Championship was interspersed with the Madison Series throughout the night. Some of the Nation's finest women riders were represented including NCVC's Laurie Wigell who placed 6th in the overall competition. The final tally found Betsey Davis, Connie Carpenter, and the crowd pleasing Miji Reoch in the top three slots.

The races concluded with the announcements of the winners who circled the track for a final lap, laurel flowers held high, waving to an appreciative audience. The weariness on their faces monentarily abated as they basked in the glory of the applause. The fans also reflected the strain of the excitement as they silently headed for their cars and for many a long drive home. It was an inspiring day that would be remembered for a long time to come.

Mary Pelz

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Addendum #1 - 8/23/78

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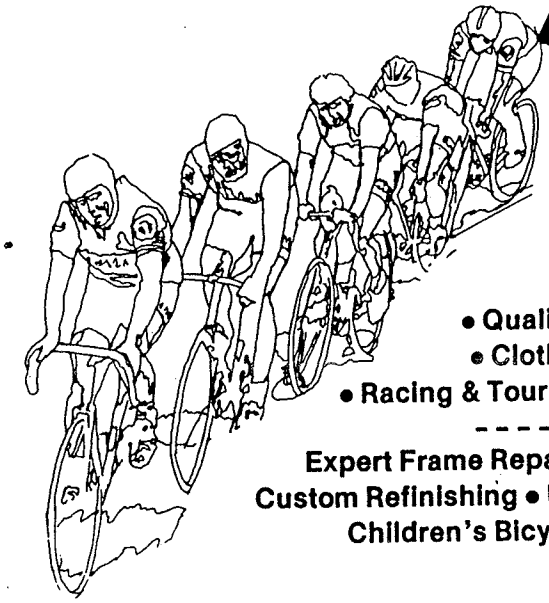

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